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The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chairman, Economic Matters Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
231 Taylor Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Strong Opposition** to Senate Bill 306 - Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug & Pharmaceutical Services - Reimbursements

Dear Members of the Maryland State Senate,

My name is Diana Lyles, and I am a retired Maryland state employee who was injured in the line of duty and received Accidental Disability Pension. I currently receive workers' compensation benefits, but those benefits have stopped covering my medical treatment—leaving me to fight for the care I need to live with dignity.

I am writing today to urge you to vote **NO** on Senate Bill 306.

This bill will severely restrict access to care for injured workers like myself by undermining the role of independent insurance companies that currently provide critical coverage. If passed, this bill could force injured individuals to rely on Medicare or Medicaid for treatment. That shift would not only delay or disrupt necessary medical care—it would also increase costs for counties and burden taxpayers throughout Maryland.

Independent insurance companies play a vital role in making sure injured workers receive timely, effective treatment. Stripping away that access will leave many of us in limbo, with fewer options and more obstacles to recovery. This is not just a workers' comp issue—it's a public health and financial issue that will impact state and local resources.

Please do not throw away the lifeline that independent insurance companies provide. I and many others have sacrificed in the line of duty to serve this state. We should not be punished in retirement for injuries sustained in service.

Senate Bill 306 does not solve a problem—it creates a bigger one. For the sake of those who served, and for the fiscal health of our state, I respectfully ask that you vote NO on this harmful bill.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Lyles". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the rest of the letters.

Diana Lyles
Retired Maryland State Employee
Accidental Disability Pension